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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMITMENTS AND POLICIES AGREED UPON IN THE DECLARATION ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION, IN PARTICULAR THE REVITALIZATION OF THE ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE FOURTH UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT DECADE

Report of the Second Committee

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 18 September 1992, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its forty-seventh session the item entitled:

"International cooperation for economic growth and development:

"(a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries;

"(b) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 12th, 13th, 22nd and 45th meetings, on 12, 27 October and 24 November 1992. An account of the

Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/47/SR.12, 13, 22 and 45). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 9th meetings, from 5 to 8 October (see A/C.2/47/SR.3-9).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Second Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit entitled "Assessment of the environmental focus of projects financed by the United Nations Development Programme and other United Nations agencies" (A/47/457);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the President of the Economic and Social Council on the outcome of the informal exchange of views held in the Economic and Social Council on the report of the Commonwealth Group of Experts on the Impact of Global Economic and Political Change on the Development Process (A/47/477);

(c) Letter dated 6 February 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Senegal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the documents of the Sixth Islamic Summit Conference, held at Dakar from 9 to 11 December 1991 (A/47/88-S/23563);

(d) Letter dated 22 May 1992 from the representatives of Indonesia and Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the press communiqué issued at the conclusion of the Ministerial Meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Bali, Indonesia, from 14 to 16 May 1992 (A/47/225-S/23998);

(e) Letter dated 30 June 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Summit Declaration on Black Sea Economic Cooperation, signed at Istanbul by the heads of State or Government of Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, Moldova, Romania, the Russian Federation, Turkey and Ukraine on 25 June 1992 (A/47/305-E/1992/96);

(f) Letter dated 2 July 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Senegal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the position paper on the new world order prepared by the Summit Level Group for South-South Consultation and Cooperation (Group of Fifteen), at its meeting held at Caracas, Venezuela, from 27 to 29 November 1991 (A/47/344);

(g) Letter dated 21 July 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Trinidad and Tobago to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Communiqué of the Thirteenth Meeting of the Conference of Heads of Government of the Caribbean Community, held at Port-of-Spain from 29 June to 2 July 1992 (A/47/344);

(h) Letter dated 28 July 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Singapore to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Joint Communiqué of the Twenty-fifth Ministerial Meeting of the Association of South-East Asian Nations issued at Manila on 22 July 1992 (A/47/351-S/24357);

(i) Letter dated 30 July 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the conclusions of the second Ibero-American Summit of Heads of State and Government, held at Madrid on 23 and 24 July 1992 (A/47/356-S/24367);

(j) Letter dated 11 August 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the final documents of the Munich Economic Summit, held from 6 to 8 July 1992 (A/47/375-S/24429);

(k) Note verbale dated 11 September 1992 from the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Final Statement adopted by the InterAction Council at its tenth session, held at Querétaro, Mexico, from 28 to 31 May 1992 (A/47/437);

(l) Letter dated 2 October 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the Declaration of the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the member States of the Group of 77, adopted on 1 October 1992 at their sixteenth annual meeting, held at United Nations Headquarters (A/47/499);

(m) Letter dated 19 November 1992 from the Permanent Representative of Cameroon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting the resolutions adopted by the 87th Inter-Parliamentary Conference, held at Yaoundé from 3 to 11 April 1992 (A/47/706);

(a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries

(n) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries (A/47/397);

(o) Letter dated 30 July 1992 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General transmitting a report on Argentina's achievements over the past year in relation to growth and cooperation at the national, regional and global levels (A/47/363);

(b) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

(p) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (A/47/270-E/1992/74).

4. At the 12th meeting, on 12 October, the Director of the Division of Development Policy and Analysis of the Department of Economic and Social Development of the Secretariat made an introductory statement (see A/C.2/47/SR.12).

II. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.2/47/L.9

5. At the 22nd meeting, on 27 October, the representative of Pakistan, speaking on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are also members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/C.2/47/L.9) entitled "International cooperation for economic growth and development".

6. At the 45th meeting, on 24 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Jose Lino B. Guerrero (Philippines), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on the draft resolution.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/47/L.9 without a vote (see para. 8).

III. RECOMMENDATION OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

8. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

International cooperation for economic growth and development

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, contained in the annex to its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, contained in the annex to its resolution 45/199 of 21 December 1990, which provide the overall framework for economic growth and development,

Recalling its resolution 46/144 of 17 December 1991 on the implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration,

Taking into account the Cartagena Commitment, 1/ the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, 2/ the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s, 3/ and Agenda 21 4/ and all the relevant decisions of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development,

1. Takes note with interest of the relevant reports of the Secretary-General on the subject; 5/

2. Encourages Member States to submit their reports on the implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to provide, at its forty-ninth session, an analytical and comprehensive report on implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration and on implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, including his assessment of the steps taken by Governments of developed and developing countries, individually and collectively, and by organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, including regional commissions;

4. Decides, in order to keep the implementation of the Declaration and the International Development Strategy under review, to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-eighth session the item entitled "International cooperation for economic growth and development:
(a) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries;
(b) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade".

1/ TD/364, part one, sect. A.

2/ General Assembly resolution 46/151, annex.

3/ See Report of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 3-14 September 1990 (A/CONF.147/18), part one.

4/ See "Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992" (A/CONF.151/26), vols. I, II and Corr.1, and III.

5/ A/47/397, A/47/270-E/1992/74 and A/47/477.